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To whom it may concern:

1 I have been a resident of Smokey Valley for 15 years. I love the valley and the people here. Am writing to let you know that I am opposed to the idea of building a railroad track through our valley to transport nuclear waste to Yucca Mountain. One small spill and the contamination would drive folks out for many years. We have a right to live where we choose and I choose this remote pristine area of Nevada. We don't want the railroad through here.

2 ... Actually I am totally opposed to dumping any nuclear waste in Yucca Mountain. Following the³ history of DOE's quest to rid the country's nuclear power plants of their stored waste I have noted that the DOE lowers its standards for the storage of nuclear waste. Now with the lowered standards they state that all is well. Why do they ignore the porous nature of Yucca Mountain⁴ and the rock beneath it? Should there be a leak or a spill, there would certainly be contamination of the water. Because of the underground hot water springs in that area, a contamination, not only of the Las Vegas resident's water, but also of the southeastern California would make it a disastrous combination. Why does DOE ignore the porous nature of the² geology of that area? They are being pushed to rid the other states of their nuclear waste. We in Nevada will push back. We do not want the waste. We will never accept the dangerous implications of bringing deadly radioactive contamination to our state.

5 ... What the nuclear power companies should do instead of pressuring the DOE to rid their states of nuclear waste, after they have made the monetary profits, is to spend a small percentage of those profits in research to discover economical ways to neutralize the waste and then dump it in their own states. The nuclear power companies provide power to residents. At what cost???? They make the money, they should fund the intense research needed to make the discovery.

6 Why does the DOE ignore the earthquake damage that has happened to Yucca Mountain and could foreseeably happen again. How many dollars damage was done there at the last earthquake a number of months ago? We do not want our citizens of Nevada, especially the large metropolitan area of Las Vegas jepordized in any way. Each state that chose to use nuclear⁷ power should also determine how to deal with it's waste. Do not be shortsited into thinking⁸ that to dump it in Nevada would solve all problems. I for one would hold the government liable for any problems that could arise from the nuclear waste dump at Yucca Mountain or its transporting through our state whether through human error or natural disasters.

2 Please be foresited enough to abandon your idea of trucking nuclear waste through Nevada to⁵ Yucca Mountain and focus your energy, dollars and efforts on research into ways to neutralize the waste.

Very sincerely,

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